Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application, as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application.

To correct errors in numbering the original claims, claims 5-7 have been renumbered as claims 4-6, respectively.

Claims 1 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Hood et al. (US 5,522,967). As now presented, claim 1 is thought to define patentably over Hood et al.

Specifically, in pertinent part, claim 1 now requires a bale take-up device to be mounted to a longitudinally extending carrier for movement between a bale-receiving position, **adjacent a forward end** of the carrier, and a bale-depositing position, **adjacent a rear end** of the carrier.

As best seen in FIG. 4, Hood et al. shows a bale take-up device 48 mounted to a **rear end** of a longitudinally extending carrier 54 for **pivoting vertically** about a horizontal transverse axis. Thus, the bale take-up device 48 **is not** mounted for movement along the carrier 54, as now claimed.

Thus, claim 1 is thought to be allowable over Hood et al.

Claims 2-6 each depend directly from claim 1 and are likewise thought allowable, with it being noted that the Examiner considers claims 2-4 and 6 to contain allowable subject matter..

Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form. The rejection of claim 5, noted above, is thought to be in error as Hood et al. do not disclose the idea of mounting a bale-receiving member for pivoting vertically **about a fore-and-aft extending axis** and to provide an powered tilt device between the carriage frame and the bale-receiving member for tilting it between a bale-receiving and bale-depositing positions, whereby a bale carried by the bale-receiving member may be deposited **on its end**. The structure of Hood et al. pointed out by the Examiner as meeting the above-noted terms of claim 5 include a bale-receiving member 48 that is mounted for being pivoted vertically about a **transverse extending axis**. It can be seen in FIG. 8D that the bale is not deposited **on its end**, but rather is deposited on its circumference where it would have a tendency to roll down hill if the baler were operating on a slope. Since the ends of a bale are flat, applicant's claimed bale-

receiving member (see applicant's bale-receiving structure 40 in claim 5, which is mounted for tilting sideways about fore-and-aft extending axis 43) may be operated to deposit the bale on its end so that the bale does not roll down hill. Thus, the allowance of claim 5 is thought to be in order.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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